

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2005**

**2:37 p.m.**

**Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)**

Representative Law made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2005, supported by Representative Proos. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to adopt the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 4235 before the Committee.

HB 4235   Nitz                      Transportation; other; requirement of 2% biodiesel to be included in fuel products; provide for.

Representative Nitz outlined the contents of the bill and answered questions from Committee members.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4235 and answered questions:

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in support  
Gail Frahm, representing the Michigan Soybean Association, in support  
Scott Hughes, representing the National Biodiesel Board, in support  
John Ferris, representing the Michigan Biodiesel Alliance, in support  
John Griffin, representing the Associated Petroleum Industry of Michigan, in opposition  
George Carr, representing the Michigan Concrete Association, in opposition  
Gregory Koesterling, representing SERCO, LLC, in support  
Clifford Meeusen, representing Zeeland Farm Services, in support  
Richard VandeVusse, representing Ag Solutions, Inc., in support  
Richard Janssens, representing the Michigan Soybean Association and soybean farmers, in support  
Herb Smith, representing the Michigan Soybean Association, in support  
Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support  
Brad Deacon, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), neutral on the bill

Cards for HB 4235 were submitted by:

Larry Julian, representing Bio Economic Development, in support  
Mark Griffin, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association, in opposition  
Kim Rhead, representing the Service Station Dealers Association, in opposition

Manny Lentine, representing Marathon Ashland Petroleum, in opposition  
Rich Studley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, in opposition  
Keith Carey, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses, in  
opposition  
Walt Heinritzi, representing the Michigan Trucking Association, in opposition  
Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, in opposition

Representative Ball made a motion to report HB 4235 with recommendation, supported by  
Representative Mayes.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltrown. (7/11)**

**Nays: Representatives Casperson, Proos, Hune. (3/11)**

**Pass: Representative Stahl. (1/11)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting  
adjourned, the time being 5:02 p.m.

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Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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